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1. DEPARTMENT CONCURS IN APPROACH PROPOSED REFTELS, UNLESS EMBASSY DETERMINES THAT DRAFT DECREE PERMANENTLY WITHDRAWN. SUGGESTED POINTS FOR USE IN PRESENTATION TO FORMIN SILVEIRA FOLLOW.

2. USG CONSIDERS IT REGRETTABLE THAT PROPOSED GOB ACTION RUNS CONTRARY TO OUR EFFORTS AS OUTLINED IN SECRETARY CONFIDENTIAL

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KISSINGER'S CORRESPONDENCE WITH SILVEIRA TO RESOLVE TRADE PROBLEMS BY CONSULTATION AND NEGOTIATION, EITHER BILATERALLY OR IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE GATT. THE CONSISTENCY OF ACTIONS AUTHORIZED IN THE CONTEMPLATED GOB DECREE WITH THE GATT

WILL DEPEND ON FINAL FORM AND METHOD OF IMPLEMENTATION.
REGARDING U.S. COUNTERVAILING DUTY ACTIONS, THESE ARE
CONSISTENT WITH U.S. GATT OBLIGATIONS, AND THEREFORE,
RETALIATION AGAINST THESE MEASURES WOULD BE UNJUSTIFIED.
THUS, IF RETALIATORY MEASURES ARE TAKEN UNDER CONTEMPLATED
GOB DECREE THEY COULD LEAD TO FURTHER DIFFICULTIES
BROUGHT ABOUT BY MUTUALLY HARMFUL RETALIATION AND COUNTER-
RETALIATION.

3. USG DISTRESSED AT UNTIMELINESS OF GOB PROPOSED ACTION,
COMING JUST AFTER UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON'S VISIT AND
RESULTANT ESTABLISHMENT OF TRADE CONSULTATION MECHANISM
TO DEAL WITH BILATERAL PROBLEMS. SUCH ACTION WOULD HAVE
MARKEDLY NEGATIVE EFFECT ON CURRENT EFFORTS AT BILATERAL
COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES.

4. USG CONSIDERS DECREE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE TO CURRENT
EFFORTS TO NEGOTIATE A SUBSIDIES/COUNTERVAIL CODE IN MTN.

5. USG PARTICULARLY DISHEARTENED THAT DRAFT DECREE BEING
CONSIDERED IMMEDIATELY AFTER AND DESPITE PERSONAL LETTER
FROM SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY SIMON TO FINANCE MINISTER
SIMONSEN ASSURING OF CONSULTATIONS, AND HOPING FOR CON-
TINUED COOPERATION IN THE FUTURE REGARDING THE HANDLING
OF SUBSIDY/COUNTERVAIL PROBLEMS. KISSINGER

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